

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 23, 1923.  
Hon. T. W. Davidson, President of  
the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State  
Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 33, A bill to be entitled  
"An Act to amend Article 927, Chap-  
ter 6, Title 22, of the Revised Civil  
Statute of the State of Texas, 1911,  
by substituting therefor language  
making it possible for cities and  
towns to assess and collect a poll tax  
from all its inhabitants at the city's  
option (idiots and lunatics excepted),  
and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consid-  
eration and beg leave to report the  
same back to the Senate with the  
recommendation that it do pass.

WITT, Chairman.

#### TENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas,  
Friday, April 27, 1923.

The Senate met at 9:30 o'clock  
a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and  
was called to order by Lieutenant  
Governor T. W. Davidson.

The roll was called, a quorum be-  
ing present, the following Senators  
answering to their name:

Bailey.	Parr.
Baugh.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Rice.
Bowers.	Ridgeway.
Burkett.	Rogers.
Clark.	Strong.
Cousins.	Stuart.
Darwin.	Turner.
Doyle.	Watts.
Floyd.	Wirtz.
Holbrook.	Witt.
Lewis.	Wood.
McMillin.	Woods.
Murphy.	

Absent—Excused.

Davis.	Thomas.
Fairchild.	

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Jour-  
nal of yesterday, the same was dis-  
penssed with on motion of Senator  
Strong.

Excused.

Senator Thomas, for yesterday af-  
ternoon and today, on account of im-

portant business, on motion of Sena-  
tor Bailey.

Senator Fairchild for today, on  
account of important business, on  
motion of Senator Cousins.

Senator Davis for today, on ac-  
count of important business, on mo-  
tion of Senator Witt.

#### Bill on First Reading.

The following bill introduced to-  
day was read first time and referred  
to appropriate committee as follows:

By Senator Ridgeway:

S. B. No. 41, A bill to be entitled  
"An Act amending statutes relative  
to elections, general and primary,  
and the requirements of poll tax  
receipts; amending Article 2949 of the  
Revised Civil Statutes of the State of  
Texas of 1911, requiring poll tax re-  
ceipts to show the name of the politi-  
cal party to which the person to  
whom it is issued belongs; amending  
Article 2950 of the Revised Civil  
Statutes of the State of Texas of  
1911, requiring that every poll tax  
receipt form shall show the political  
party to which the person to whom  
such receipt is issued belongs;  
amending Article 2953 of the Re-  
vised Civil Statutes of the State of  
Texas of 1911, requiring that exemp-  
tion certificates shall state the name  
of the political party to which the  
person procuring such certificate be-  
longs; amending Article 2956 of the  
Revised Civil Statutes of the State  
of Texas of 1911, requiring dupli-  
cate copy of poll tax receipts and cer-  
tificates of exemption to show the  
name of the political party of the  
person to whom such receipt or cer-  
tificate of exemption is issued;  
amending Article 2961 of the Revised  
Civil Statutes of the State of Texas  
of 1911, requiring that lists of poll  
tax payers show the name of the po-  
litical party to which each of such  
tax payers belongs; providing a new  
section to be numbered 2961-a, pro-  
viding that during the month of  
April in any year voters may change  
their party affiliations and requiring  
a record be kept of such changes and  
requiring further that a list of voters  
changing party affiliations shall be  
furnished presiding judges of all  
party primary elections; amending  
Article 3116 of the Revised Civil

Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, by providing that the list of voters used in the primary elections shall show the name of the political parties to which such voters belong, respectively; and providing that persons who have declared themselves to belong to one political party shall not be allowed to vote in a primary election of any other party; amending Article 3118 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, by providing that the same precautions provided by law to secure the purity of ballot box of general elections shall in all respects apply to primary elections."

To the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

#### Statement from Lieutenant Governor T. W. Davidson.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

As Lieutenant Governor of Texas, and as a private citizen of this State, I wish to express my unqualified disapproval of the masked demonstration staged in the Legislative Halls of this capitol last evening, on the night of April 26.

Coming at a time when it did, it can be conducive to no good, but is calculated to create confusion at a time when we are busily engaged in our legislative program. And whether it be accidental or intentional, it is peculiarly significant and unfortunate that it should occur in Travis County almost immediately upon the closing of the Shaffner-Bell murder trial, taking into consideration the nature of the charge, the manner in which the jury was selected in these cases, the personnel of the jury, and their disagreement.

The security of our country depends upon a free and untrammelled jury service, and they not be encouraged to look for the applause of the public.

It was certainly unfortunate and inopportune.

#### S. B. No. 17—Motion to Re-refer.

Senator Clark moved that S. B. No. 17, which was reported adversely by the Committee on Mining, Irrigation and Drainage on yesterday, be re-referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Senator Baugh raised the point of order on consideration of the bill on the ground that it did not come under the Governor's proclamation convening the Legislature in called session.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor T. W. Davidson, presiding), overruled the point of order at this time on the ground that it might come under the head of the Governor's proclamation relative to appropriations.

Senator Holbrook moved to table the motion to re-refer the bill.

Yeas and nays were demanded and the motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Bailey.	Murphy.
Baugh.	Parr.
Bledsoe.	Rice.
Bowers.	Rogers.
Burkett.	Strong.
Doyle.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Turner.
Lewis.	Watts.

Nays—10.

Clark.	Pollard.
Cousins.	Ridgeway.
Darwin.	Wirtz.
Floyd.	Wood.
McMillin.	Woods.

Absent.

Witt.

Absent—Excused.

Davis.	Thomas.
Fairchild.	

#### Address by Col. Ike Looney.

Senator Pollard moved that Col. Ike Looney, Representative from Milam County, be invited to address the Senate.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair presented Col. Looney, who then addressed the Senate.

#### H. B. No. 4 Ordered Printed.

Senator Woods moved that H. B. No. 4, reported adversely with favorable minority report, be printed.

Senator Bailey raised the point of order that the motion was not in order at this time, for the reason that the bill had not yet been reached on the calendar.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor T. W. Davidson, presiding) overruled the point of order.

Senator Bailey raised the point of order that the motion was not in order for the reason that the committee report must lie over 24 hours.

The Chair overruled the point of order.

Question: Shall H. B. No. 4 be printed?

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to print prevailed by the following vote:

**Yeas—13.**

Baugh.	Ridgeway.
Bledsoe.	Rogers.
Bowers.	Turner.
Clark.	Witt.
Doyle.	Wood.
Floyd.	Woods.
Lewis.	

**Nays—9.**

Bailey.	Parr.
Darwin.	Rice.
Holbrook.	Watts.
McMillin.	Wirtz.
Murphy.	

**Absent.**

Burkett.	Strong.
Cousins.	Stuart.

**Absent—Excused.**

Davis.	Thomas.
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(Pair Recorded.)

Senator Pollard (present), who would vote yea; with Senator Fairchild (absent), who would vote nay.

**S. B. No. 3—Motion to Reconsider.**

Senator Pollard moved to reconsider the vote by which S. B. No. 3 was finally passed yesterday.

Senator Wood moved to table the motion to reconsider.

Yeas and nays were demanded and the motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

**Yeas—13.**

Baugh.	Rice.
Bledsoe.	Ridgeway.
Bowers.	Rogers.
Clark.	Turner.
Doyle.	Witt.
Lewis.	Wood.
Parr.	

**Nays—11.**

Bailey.	Pollard.
Darwin.	Strong.
Floyd.	Watts.
Holbrook.	Wirtz.
McMillin.	Woods.
Murphy.	

**Present—Not Voting.**

Burkett.

**Absent.**

Cousins.

Stuart.

**Absent—Excused.**

Davis.	Thomas.
Fairchild.	

**S. B. No. 8—Made Special Order.**

On motion of Senator Wood, S. B. No. 8 was made a special order after the morning call on next Monday.

**S. B. No. 32—Made Special Order.**

On motion of Senator Wood, S. B. No. 32 was made a special order for next Monday morning, immediately following the disposition of S. B. No. 8.

**S. C. R. No. 10.**

By Senator Wirtz:

Whereas, Officials of the United States Government recently made public a purported cotton crop and average report of eighteen economists to the Department of Agriculture, in which the acreage to be planted in cotton for the year 1923, and the yield thereof, was attempted to be forecast; the general tenor of said report being to the effect that there will be a large crop of cotton produced in the United States in the year 1923, and the result of the publication of said report has been to depress the market price of cotton; and,

Whereas, The action of said officials in giving out said report at this time is unprecedented for at least 50 years, the first regular forecast not being due until July, and only last year the Department of Agriculture officials refused the request of cotton interests that the probable decrease in cotton acreage be estimated early in the season; and,

Whereas, Said estimate recently given out is so contrary to facts of common knowledge in the cotton growing states as to throw serious doubts on its accuracy; it being well known that the lateness of the season and unprecedented rains in the cotton belt will in all probability result in a decrease in acreage and yield; and such decrease will be augmented by the shortage of labor, as shown by reports of the Department of Agriculture of the United States; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, that we condemn said report as being untimely and unwarranted, and injurious to the great cotton farming class of this State; and, be it further

Resolved, That the President and Attorney General of the United States be respectfully petitioned to inquire into the making public of said report, at this time, and to take such action in respect as the facts warrant; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the President and Attorney General of the United States and to each United States Senator and member of Congress from the State of Texas.

The resolution was read and adopted.

#### S. C. R. No. 11.

By Senator Stuart:

Whereas, The Hon. William Jennings Bryan will be in the State of Texas on the sixth and seventh of May on a speaking tour of Texas; and,

Whereas, We feel that the Legislature of the State of Texas will be exceedingly fortunate in having an address by this distinguished statesman; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Senate, the House concurring, that this resolution be unanimously adopted, inviting and requesting Mr. Bryan to address a joint session of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Thirty-eighth Legislature of the State of Texas during its Second Called Session at any time that suits his convenience.

Stuart, Darwin, Bledsoe, Parr, Ridgeway, Floyd, Rice.

The resolution was read and adopted.

#### Concurrent Resolution No. 12.

By Senator Rogers:

Whereas, Hon. Alvin M. Owsley, National Commander of the American Legion, will be in Texas in the near future; and

Whereas, Texas is proud of the signal honor which has been conferred upon this brilliant young soldier, and rejoices in the whole hearted reception he has received over the entire Nation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, that he be invited to address a joint session of the House and Senate at such time as he may find it convenient to do so.

Rogers, Witt, Stuart, Pollard.

The resolution was read and adopted.

#### H. B. No. 6 on Third Reading.

The Chair laid before the Senate as regular order, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 6, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an emergency appropriation for the Adjutant General of this State, made necessary by emergencies arising in declaring martial law in this State, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—19.

Bailey.	Ridgeway.
Baugh.	Rogers.
Bledsoe.	Stuart.
Clark.	Turner.
Doyle.	Watts.
Holbrook.	Wirtz.
Lewis.	Witt.
McMillin.	Wood.
Pollard.	Woods.
Rice.	

Nays—5.

Bowers.	Murphy.
Cousins.	Strong.
Darwin.	

Present—Not Voting.

Floyd.

Absent.

Burkett.

Parr.

Absent—Excused.

Davis.

Thomas.

Fairchild.

**S. B. No. 31 on Second Reading.**

The Chair laid before the Senate as regular order, on its second reading.

S. B. No. 31, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make appropriations to cover authorized deficiencies for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1923, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

**S. B. No. 31 on Third Reading.**

On motion of Senator Wood, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House was suspended and S. B. No. 31 was put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Baugh.	Parr.
Bledsoe.	Pollard.
Bowers.	Rice.
Clark.	Ridgeway.
Cousins.	Rogers.
Darwin.	Strong.
Doyle.	Turner.
Floyd.	Watts.
Holbrook.	Wirtz.
Lewis.	Witt.
McMillin.	Wood.
Murphy.	Woods.

Absent.

Bailey.	Stuart.
Burkett.	

Absent—Excused.

Davis.	Thomas.
Fairchild.	

The Chair then laid S. B. No. 31 before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Baugh.	Parr.
Bledsoe.	Pollard.
Bowers.	Rice.
Clark.	Ridgeway.
Cousins.	Rogers.
Darwin.	Strong.
Doyle.	Turner.
Floyd.	Watts.
Holbrook.	Wirtz.
Lewis.	Witt.
McMillin.	Wood.
Murphy.	Woods.

Absent.

Bailey.	Stuart.
Burkett.	

Absent—Excused.

Davis.	Thomas.
Fairchild.	

**S. B. No. 29 on Second Reading.**

The Chair laid before the Senate as regular order, on its second reading.

S. B. No. 29, A bill to be entitled "An Act making certain emergency and supplemental appropriations out of the general revenues of the State Government as named herein for the balance of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1923, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Senator Wood offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate Bill No. 29, page 2, between lines 4 and 5 by adding the following:

"Stamps, stationary and printing, \$1,000.00."

"1 Bookkeeper, \$700.00."

"6 Auditors, \$4,800.00."

"Traveling expenses 6 auditors, \$4,000.00."

"Traveling expenses for present auditors, \$4,000.00."

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Wood offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 29, page 2, line 7, by striking out "\$1200.00" and inserting "\$916.00."

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Bledsoe offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate Bill No. 29, as printed, page 2, by adding, between lines 7 and 8, the following:

"Supreme Court.

For repair of the Supreme Court room, and office of the clerk of the Supreme Court, and the private rooms and consultation room of the judges of said court, together with such additional furnishings, furniture and carpets as may be necessary therefor, to be expended by and under the direction of the State Board of Control, \$5,000.00."

Bledsoe, Bailey, Bowers, Witt, Murphy, Wirtz.

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Witt offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 29, page 2, by adding between lines 15 and 16, line 15a as follows: "To pay salary for porter and clerk of court of Civil Appeals for Tenth Supreme Judicial District as follows: To pay porter from June 12 to September 1, 1923, \$125.00; to pay clerk from June 12, to September 1, 1923, \$625.00."

The amendment was adopted.

The bill was then passed to engrossment.

#### S. B. No. 29 on Third Reading.

On motion of Senator Wood the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House, was suspended, and S. B. No. 29 was put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Bailey.	Parr.
Baugh.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Rice.
Bowers.	Ridgeway.
Clark.	Rogers.
Cousins.	Strong.
Darwin.	Turner.
Doyle.	Watts.
Floyd.	Wirtz.
Holbrook.	Witt.
Lewis.	Wood.
McMillin.	Woods.
Murphy.	

Absent.

Burkett.	Stuart.
Absent—Excused.	
Davis.	Thomas.
Fairchild.	

The Chair then laid S. B. No. 29 before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Bailey.	Floyd.
Baugh.	Holbrook.
Bledsoe.	Lewis.
Bowers.	McMillin.
Clark.	Murphy.
Cousins.	Parr.
Darwin.	Pollard.
Doyle.	Rice.

Ridgeway.	Watts.
Rogers.	Wirtz.
Strong.	Witt.
Stuart.	Wood.
Turner.	Woods.

Absent.

Burkett.	Fairchild.
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Absent—Excused.

Davis.	Thomas.
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#### S. B. No. 36 on Second Reading.

The Chair laid before the Senate as regular order, on its second reading,

S. B. No. 36, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Bernardo Independent School District in Colorado County, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for the election of a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district; naming the fiscal year as to taxes; providing for the annexation of territory to said district; investing said district with all the powers, rights, and duties of independent school districts formed for free school purposes only, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, the committee report that it be not printed was adopted and the bill was passed to engrossment.

#### S. B. No. 36 on Third Reading.

On motion of Senator Clark the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House was suspended and S. B. No. 36 was put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Bailey.	Parr.
Baugh.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Rice.
Bowers.	Ridgeway.
Burkett.	Rogers.
Clark.	Strong.
Cousins.	Stuart.
Darwin.	Turner.
Doyle.	Watts.
Floyd.	Wirtz.
Holbrook.	Witt.
Lewis.	Wood.
McMillin.	Woods.
Murphy.	

## Absent—Excused.

Davis. Thomas.  
Fairchild.

The Chair then laid S. B. No. 36 before the Senate, on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

## Yeas—27.

Bailey.	Parr.
Baugh.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Rice.
Bowers.	Ridgeway.
Burkett.	Rogers.
Clark.	Strong.
Cousins.	Stuart.
Darwin.	Turner.
Doyle.	Watts.
Floyd.	Wirtz.
Holbrook.	Witt.
Lewis.	Wood.
McMillin.	Woods.
Murphy.	

## Absent—Excused.

Davis. Thomas.  
Fairchild.

## S. B. No. 37 on Second Reading.

The Chair laid before the Senate as regular order, on its second reading.

S. B. No. 37. A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Velehrad County Line Common School District composed of territory in Lavaca and Fayette Counties, to be under the jurisdiction of Lavaca County for all school purposes, defining its boundaries, providing for the election of a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within its boundaries, providing that the local maintenance tax now levied in each portion of said district shall not be abrogated by the passage of this Act, providing that same shall continue to be assessed, levied and collected until said district holds an election to determine its rate of taxation, if any; providing that said Velehrad County Line Common School District shall be governed by the General Laws of Texas relating to such districts, when not in conflict with this Act; providing that the board of trustees now in authority in the Velehrad Common School District of Lavaca County, Texas, shall

continue in authority for the Velehrad County Line Common School District until the next election for school trustees, as provided by law for such districts, when two of their successors shall be elected, and that an election be thereafter held each year, as provided by the General Laws of this State, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, the committee report that it be not printed was adopted and the bill was passed to engrossment.

## S. B. No. 37 on Third Reading.

On motion of Senator Clark, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House was suspended and S. B. No. 37 was put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

## Yeas—27.

Bailey.	Parr.
Baugh.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Rice.
Bowers.	Ridgeway.
Burkett.	Rogers.
Clark.	Strong.
Cousins.	Stuart.
Darwin.	Turner.
Doyle.	Watts.
Floyd.	Wirtz.
Holbrook.	Witt.
Lewis.	Wood.
McMillin.	Woods.
Murphy.	

## Absent—Excused.

Davis. Thomas.  
Fairchild.

The Chair laid S. B. No. 37 before the Senate on the third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

## Yeas—27.

Bailey.	Parr.
Baugh.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Rice.
Bowers.	Ridgeway.
Burkett.	Rogers.
Clark.	Strong.
Cousins.	Stuart.
Darwin.	Turner.
Doyle.	Watts.
Floyd.	Wirtz.
Holbrook.	Witt.
Lewis.	Wood.
McMillin.	Woods.
Murphy.	

## Absent—Excused.

Davis. Thomas.  
Fairchild.

## S. B. No. 35 on Second Reading.

The Chair laid before the Senate as regular order, on its second reading.

S. B. No. 35, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1, Chapter 3, of the Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, Third Called Session, entitled 'An Act creating the Anahuac Independent School District in Chambers County, Texas,' by re-defining and adding to the Anahuac Independent School District certain territory now embraced in Common School District No. 20, of Chambers County, Texas; and adding thereto Sec. 1a divesting the said common school district No. 20 of the control of the public free schools within the limits of the territory herein added to said Anahuac Independent School District and investing the said Anahuac Independent School District with full control of the public free schools within the limits of said independent district as herein defined; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, the committee report that it be not printed was adopted and the bill was passed to engrossment.

## S. B. No. 35 on Third Reading.

On motion of Senator Holbrook, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House was suspended and S. B. No. 35 was put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Bailey.	Parr.
Baugh.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Rice.
Bowers.	Ridgeway.
Burkett.	Rogers.
Clark.	Strong.
Cousins.	Stuart.
Darwin.	Turner.
Doyle.	Watts.
Floyd.	Wirtz.
Holbrook.	Witt.
Lewis.	Wood.
McMillin.	Woods.
Murphy.	

## Absent—Excused.

Davis. Thomas.  
Fairchild.

The Chair laid S. B. No. 35 before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Bailey.	Parr.
Baugh.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Rice.
Bowers.	Ridgeway.
Burkett.	Rogers.
Clark.	Strong.
Cousins.	Stuart.
Darwin.	Turner.
Doyle.	Watts.
Floyd.	Wirtz.
Holbrook.	Witt.
Lewis.	Wood.
McMillin.	Woods.
Murphy.	

## Absent—Excused.

Davis. Thomas.  
Fairchild.

## H. C. R. No. 4.

The Chair laid before the Senate for consideration at this time, H. C. R. No. 4, inviting W. J. Bryan to address the Legislature.

The resolution was read and adopted.

## Message from the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas, April 27, 1923.

Hon. T. W. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 11, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide a more efficient method for the collection of delinquent taxes on land; providing compensation for the county attorney and other officials for service rendered in collecting such taxes; further providing for the employment of a special attorney to assist in collecting such taxes, amending Section 1 of Chapter 147 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 64 of the General Laws



passed at the Second Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, amending Section 2 of Chapter 147 of the General Laws of the State of Texas passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature; amending Articles 7688, 7689, 7691, 7692, 7696, 7699; repealing Article 7687 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, and Section 3, Chapter 147, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature as amended by Section 2, Chapter 64, of the General Laws of the State of Texas passed by the Second Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature; adding to Chapter 13 of Title 126 of the Revised Statutes of Texas of 1911 a new article to be known as Article 7689a, limiting the defenses that may be urged in defense of a suit for delinquent taxes; repealing all laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act, and declaring an emergency," with engrossed riders.

H. C. R. No. 4, Inviting Hon. William J. Bryan to address a joint session of the Legislature.

H. B. No. 70, Relating to contractor's bond to Navigation and Canal Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted.

C. L. PHINNEY,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

#### Bills Read and Referred.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor Davidson) had referred, after their captions had been read, the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 11, to the Committee on State Affairs.

H. B. No. 33, to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

H. B. No. 70, to the Committee on State Affairs.

#### Bills Signed.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor Davidson) gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after its caption had been read, the following bill:

S. B. No. 18.

#### Adjournment.

On motion of Senator Wood, the Senate at 2 o'clock p. m. adjourned until 2 p. m. next Monday.

#### APPENDIX.

##### Committee Report.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, April 27, 1923.  
Hon. T. W. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had Senate Bill No. 3 carefully compared and find same to be correctly engrossed.

DOYLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 28, 1923.  
Hon. T. W. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 34, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 22 of the Special Road Law of Brazoria County, the same being an Act of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, Local and Special Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session in 1913, Chapter 63, page 219, by adding Section 22a, which provides for the construction of roads designated as State Highways either within the district or without the district furnishing the money, but not more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from such district; providing for the procuring of right of way for such roads, and for right of way for drainage and construction of drainage of such roads; providing for the control of the construction by the commissioners court of Brazoria County and for payment out of funds of the road district where the items of expense and contracts have been approved in writing by the commissioners of the road district furnishing the money; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and that it be not printed.

BURKETT, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 27, 1923.  
Hon. T. W. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Pub-

lic Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 38, A bill to be entitled "An Act extending oil and gas permits on lands which are now, or have been in the possession or under the control of the Federal receiver appointed by the Supreme Court of the United States for such periods of time respectively as such lands have been or may be in such receiver's possession or under his control, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

TURNER, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 26, 1923.  
Hon. T. W. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, a majority of your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 4, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 98, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, by adding thereto Article 6057a; providing that in addition to other methods provided in said chapter for the removal of officers, they may be removed by quo warranto proceedings brought by the Attorney General upon direction of the Governor; making the provisions of said chapter applicable to proceedings hereunder except where in conflict; providing that the district judge may temporarily suspend an officer against whom the petition is filed and appoint a person to discharge the duties of the office who shall not be required to give bond as provided in Article 6049 of such statutes; providing that the suspended officer shall receive the salary, compensation or fees until final judgment removing him, and that such salary, fees or compensation collected by the temporary officer shall be paid to the suspended officer, and that during appeal from a judgment removing an officer such salary, fees and compensation shall not be received by him unless he give a supersedeas bond therefor, and that an appeal shall not suspend the order temporarily removing such officer; providing that the temporary officer shall receive the same salary or compensation provided by law to be paid by the State out of an appropriation to the Governor for the enforcement of the law; fixing jurisdic-

tion and venue of such suits; providing, that such officer may not be removed under this Act for failure to enforce misdemeanor statutes, excepting laws pertaining to gambling or prostitution, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

BAILEY, Chairman.

(Minority Report.)

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 26, 1923.  
Hon. T. W. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, a minority of your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred H. B. No. 4, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

Bowers, Woods, Lewis, Bledsoe.

#### ELEVENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas,  
Monday, April 30, 1923.

The Senate met at 2 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor T. W. Davidson.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Bailey.	McMillin.
Baugh.	Murphy.
Bledsoe.	Parr.
Bowers.	Pollard.
Burkett.	Rogers.
Clark.	Thomas.
Cousins.	Turner.
Darwin.	Watts.
Doyle.	Wirtz.
Floyd.	Wood.
Holbrook.	Woods.
Lewis.	

Absent.

Ridgeway.	Stuart.
	Absent—Excused.
Davis.	Strong.
Fairchild.	Witt.
Rice.	

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dis-